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**History of Flushing Meadow Corona Park**

**Part I**

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**Class 3A1 has been studying the history of Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This park is operated by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Flushing Meadow Park was once known as the Corona Ash Dumps was cleared in 1939 by Parks Commissioner Robert Moses in preparation for the 1939 World's Fair.This park at the time was nothing more than a mountain of ash. In fact this former dumping ground was characterized as " a valley of ashes" in the F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel The Great Gatsby. The Worlds Fair in 1939 was such a success years later buildings were again refurbished for the 1964 fair.**